THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K.ADVANI): (a) to (c) Cases of circulation of fake currency notes in the country are reported from time to time. Available information about the amount of fake currency notes seized and persons arrested and punished in connection therewith during 1998 and 1999 is given below:—

Year	Amount of Fake Currency notes seized	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons punished
1998	1,19,71,871	374	Not available
1999	2,92,19,100	504	Not available

Union Minister in Vigilance Net

*351. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Delhi edition of Statesman dated 22nd Novemner, 1999 under the caption, "Union Minister in Vigilance net", and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Government has seen the news item under reference. Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

Closure of NTC Units in Bihar

*352.SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that two NTC units in Bihar, one at Mokama and the other at Gaya, are facing closure; and

(b) if so, what are Government's plans to revive these units?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) NTC has two mills in Bihar namely, Gaya Cotton & Jute Mills, Gaya and Bihar Cooperative Spinning & Wvg. Mokameh which are managed by NTC (WBAB&O) Ltd., a subsidiary of NTC Limited. These mills are presently facing shortage of working capital. Due to continuous losses, NTC (WBAB&O) Ltd. along with 7 other subsidiaries of NTC have been referred to BIFR and were declared sick.

The Government had approved a Turn Around Plan for NTC mills in 1995 which envisaged, inter-alia modernisation of 79 mills at a cost of Rs. 2005.72 crores, merger

of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills etc. The plan was to be implemented through generation of funds from the sale of surplus land/assets of NTC. Major portion of this land is located in Mumbai. The State Government of Maharashtra has yet given their approval for sale of land. Moreover, in case of 4 subsidiaries of NTC viz. NTC (UP), NTC (Guj.), NTC (WBAB&O) and NTC (MP), BIFR have not approved the plan on account of their net worth not becoming positive during the prescribed period. In view of the above the revival strategy could not be implemented.

On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by BIFR. The inerest of the workers will be kept in view in the Revival Plan.

Crimes in the Country

*354. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crimes committed in the country, State-wise, during the last three years, cirme type-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of atrocities like rape, molestation, committed against women in these States, separately, during the same period, year-wise:

(c) the atrocities committed against scheduled castes and scheduled tribes; and

(d) the reaction of Government on the pattern thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information in regard to IPC crimes during the last three years, i.e., 1996, 1997 and 1998, is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 58-A).

(b) Available information in regard to crimes against women during the relevant period is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 58-B).

(c) Available information pertaining to crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is given in Annexures (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 58-E).

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subject as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system to ensure prevention of atrocities against women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society. The Government of India has also been extending financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure.